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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1998/889)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries [99].

3 p.m.	32nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (Part I) (A/53/464) [118].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

   (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

   (c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);

   (d) Draft decision (A/53/45, para. 87).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/53/2 and Add.1-3, A/C.4/53/3, A/C.4/53/4 and Add.1-4, A/C.4/53/5)
2. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories:

   Gibraltar

   Guam
3. Hearing of petitioners
4. Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90:

   General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-VIII), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII, A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III)); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

* To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416* and A/53/425)

Conclusion of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

   Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)

   Conclusion of general discussion

   Death and disability (A/C.5/53/16)

   Introduction and general discussion
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/53/7/Add.3)

   Introduction and general discussion
3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2)

   Conclusion of general discussion
4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.1/Rev.1, CRP.18/Rev.1, CRP.25 and CRP.28

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on utilization of development dividend
2. Executive session on conference services/optical disk
3. Draft report
4. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media to the briefing on "The World Economy in Turbulence; Prospects for Stabilization" by Professor Larry Klein, Nobel Laureate in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, *today*, 7 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 7 October 1998

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA-AND-HERZEGOVINA

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core Group/Coordinators for item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, will be held *today*, 7 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A, to review the draft ASEAN joint statement on disarmament issues and other related matters.

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, *today*, 7 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meeting will include the presentation by the President of the World Bank at the annual meetings of the Bank (by video) and a brief discussion of the 1998 annual report of the Bank. Copies of the report will be available. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, a panel discussion on the theme "Towards a Global Partnership for South-South Cooperation in the New Millenium" will take place *today*, 7 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panel will be chaired and moderated by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. Eminent persons will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 33rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 5th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ecuador
Zambia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Venezuela
Republic of Korea
Mexico
Syrian Arab Republic
Papua New Guinea
Benin
Lesotho
Kazakhstan
Sudan
Croatia
Philippines

3 p.m. 6th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ethiopia
Russian Federation
Egypt
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
United Arab Emirates
Bulgaria
Bahrain
Morocco
Mongolia
Colombia
Slovakia
Ukraine
Nigeria
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Mali
Yemen
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Iraq

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m. 11th meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

3 p.m. 12th meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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The meeting of the Bureau of the United Nations Disarmament Commission will take place on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be an informal briefing on the preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and on other related matters, by the Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand), on Thursday, 8 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

The list of speakers (No. 7 (final)) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The list of speakers (No. 7) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 8 October 1998 at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

29th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana

H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana, addressed the General Assembly.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85]: *commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping: draft resolution (A/53/L.5)*

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal (on behalf of the Asian States), Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Andorra (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and South Africa (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement).

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the African States and as Chairman of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.5.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.5 (resolution 53/2).

The commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping was thus concluded.

30th plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) *Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);*

(c) *Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);*

(d) *Draft decision (A/53/45, para. 87)*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 37.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), China, Kazakhstan, Panama, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Chile, Malaysia, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lesotho, Mongolia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba and Pakistan.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/C.2/53/1, A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1 and A/C.2/53/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1.

The Chairman reported on the informal consultations, which had been held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227.

The Committee agreed to an adjustment in the programme of work to accommodate a telecast of the high-level meeting of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board from Geneva in the morning of 22 October. The general discussion of agenda item 94 (b), (c), (d) and (e) would thus begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 22 October.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway, which aligned

themselves with this statement), the Netherlands, Bangladesh, United States, Turkey, Belarus, Uganda, Cuba, China and Pakistan.

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Myanmar, India, Algeria, Bolivia, Tunisia, Japan, Senegal, Uruguay and Argentina.

The representative of the South Pacific Forum, an intergovernmental organization, also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark, Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Norway, the Netherlands, Ukraine, Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Philippines, the Sudan, Ecuador, Venezuela, Senegal, Pakistan, Nigeria and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organization.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines (on behalf of the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Pakistan, Belarus, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), India, China, Paraguay, Japan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States and Cuba.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development account

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, China and Uganda.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Wednesday, in the morning, following the adjournment of the 5th formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Mr.Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh).

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at the 3rd meeting on 5 October, to give priority consideration to Section C of Chapter III of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/11), the representative of Ireland, coordinator of the informal consultations on this agenda item, on behalf of the Chairman, orally introduced a draft decision which will be subsequently issued as document A/C.5/53/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/898 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.2).

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway) made a statement.

Other matters

The Chief of the Security and Safety Service of the Office of Central Support Services responded to questions raised at the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 5 October 1998 regarding security and special arrangements during the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba.

Organization of work

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to establish 6 p.m. on Monday, 19 October 1998 as the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 will be 6 p.m. on Monday, 19 October 1998.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 3rd meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (see *Journal* No. 1998/191, p. 9): under the title *Requests for hearing*, the first paragraph should read as follows:

> The Chairman informed the Committee that there were eleven requests for hearing relating to the implementation of the Declaration, Guam, New Caledonia and Western Sahara, as well as communications received from the Governor of Guam and the *Chief Minister of Gilbratar*.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1998

499th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

Other matters [9]

The Committee considered these items in closed meeting.

500th meeting

Cooperation with the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies [6]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Niger (5 October 1998)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

Extension of the time-limit for signature and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 30 September 1999.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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